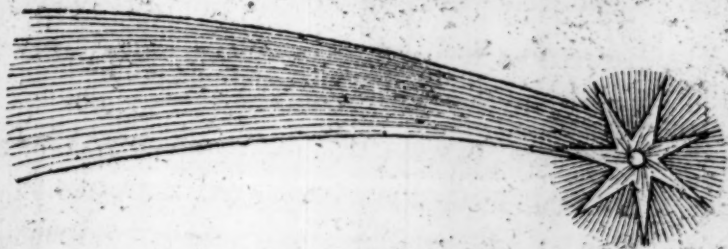


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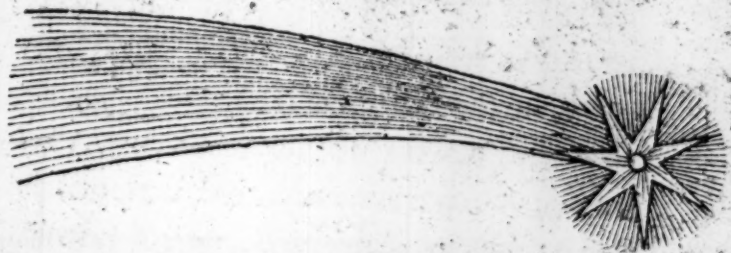


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 the dome of the X. day of
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To the worshipfull, mine assured friend,
Maister Giles Lambert: Greeting and peace, in the
Name of our Lord Iesus Christ our Saviour.



Ir, according to your
godly motion, I haue take
this smal trauaile, to con-
fer some euentēs with the
purporte of the Blasinge
Starre, which appeered
the last yeere. 1577. Wherein, if I haue not
fully satisfied your expectation, impute it
vnto mine vnabilitie in penning, not vnto
any want of mercifulnesse in our Lord God
in perfourming those his blessinges vnto vs,
and our native Countrey of England, which
~~doubtlesse haue bin fore signified by that his~~
most fatherly forwarnning. For which, as
we ought all to be thankeful vnto his Ma-
iesty, so do I dedicate this present view vn-
to your most freindly acceptation, which ac-
cording to your accustomed courtesie, I stand
in hope you will receiue in good part. Weigh
not the thinge, but esteeme the affection,

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whereunto as your demerites haue prouo-
 ked me, so stand I in hope of some better
 meane hereafter, if God further mine at-
 temptes, to requite your friendlines. As he
 knoweth, to whose good pleasure I commit
 you, with the vertuous Gentlewoman your
 wife, beseeching him to send you both your
 assured healthes, and your harts most god-
 ly desires.

Yours to commaunde.

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of late dayes come to passe. &c.

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T is yet fresh in me-
mozie, I am sure, for so notable
a matter can not so soone be
forgotte: how that the laste
yeere, 1577. and the tenth
day of the moneth of Nouem-
ber, there appeared in the aire,
toward the South west part
of Heauen, a strainge Meteore, or Elementare Impres-
sio: commonly called a Comete, or Blasing Star. The
sight whereof, as it drew vnto it the eyes of many to
behold it, so gaue it occasion to the mindes of diuerse
to imagine of it: some good, some bad, as euery man
fancied the euents in his owne iudgement: either as
him selfe would haue it, or was in ielousye of that hee
feared: or had heard say, or read, what had followed
the like in former times. Now, it was not longe af-
ter, that the matter that nourished this Meteore bee-
ing consumed, the Comete, by small and small was
quite extingwished, as to the obseruers thereof did worl
appeere. And there hath come betweene, a good
pause, since that time to this present, even one whole
yeere, during which space, who so is sounde, either in
his owne secret coniecture, or otherwise, to haue fore-
seene what hath since fallen out, Hic vates esto, let him
be reputed a probable gheasser.

There haue diuerse learned men written of this
Comete, since the fyrste appeerance therof: whose
bookes are extant to bee seene: whereof some haue

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entreated concerning the originall of all Meteores in
general, and particularly of this: other some of the ef-
fects, & considerations to be obserued in this impres-
sion only. Whereof, the most haue written in Latine,
some in French, & others in other tongues: and of all
these, there haue come but vnto my hands that
I can remember, whose order, and names are these
following. Cornelius Gemina, Cunradus Dasypodius
Laurétius Bariona, Heliseus Roellin & Michael Mestli-
nus in Latine: David de Maudin in French, Frederike
Nauſe, translated out of latine into english of the signi-
fication of all Cometes in generall, & also a little Pam-
phlet written in English, intituled: The Blazoning of
a Comete or Blasing Star, &c. Moreover, Maister Se-
curis in his Preface before his Prognostication for
next yeere 1579, maketh mention of a learned man in
this realme, who hath written simply, eloquently, & ex-
cellently wel of this Comete: belike in Latine, for that
he commendeth the profit & pleasure thereof to the bre-
learned, if it were translated into English: but he nam-
meth not the author. He confesseth also, that he him-
selfe hath written himselfe touching the same matters
but that it was not printed, & more pittie. All which wor-
ters, as I doubt not, but they haue furnished those
their works with learned demonstrations, & proba-
ble coniectures, so wil I leaue the to their own credit:
my aim I purposed by your fauourable fauour & patience,
in these discourse to run ouer the little thing, wherof I
spake last, & rather for that it was written in English, &
needeth no farther translation, for that English readers
conference with it: & so to compare the which hath
happned, with that which hath bin there so long before.
1 The first point that sheweth of prediction let me
orderly in the same Pamphlet, was generally con-
cerning the nature of all fire impressions; by what
name

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name forer they be termed, & of those burning lights by similitude called *Starrs*; whether they be bushy, bearded, or tailed: to wit, ϕ consisting of a limie substance, of nature boate & drie, and beeing set on fire by the Elementare region of fyre, do flame & burne continually, vntill such time as the matter be quite consumed. As appered true in this tailed *Star*: which after the pride of ϕ fyrst apperance therof, began to abate in greatnes of flame, & brightnes of collour, as I my selfe obserued the maner thereof, vntill such time, as it was utterly extinguished: which, as some say, was much about the end of Ianuarie following. 1578. And this was noted to be the natural cause of the continuance, & ending thereof. Howbeit, to enterprize more like a *Christian*, I take ϕ the time depended vpon the pleasure of God onely, who so longe extended the flaming therof, to the intent that who so had a minde, & woul to haue regard to his mercifull woorkes; might within so long space take occasion to cast their eyes vpon vnto heaue, and there behold a notable token of some great iudgement, he ment to execute vpon the earth.

2. That by ascending vp of so much matter into the aire, as was able to engender so great a fire impression, the earth beneath was discharged through the speciall prouidence of God, of infinite multitudes of noisome exhalations, & pestilent vapours, surely it cannot be denied: which (doubtles) are the procaccartike & antecedent causes of infinite diseases, & that of contrary kindes, wherewith the bodie of men are dayly afflicted, & continually sent to their long home. And truly I am thus perswaded, that these multitudes of vapours in this manner consumed, haue bin the cause of the great and longe drought; which we haue had all this summer. 1578. by meanes whereof, we haue received great blessings from God in abundance of

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Corne, fruites & other victualles, as not much more in any yeere: which other wise, it is like, being in such plenty, might either haue drenched the ground with to much moysture: or haue destroyed the fruites before their ripening, or haue rotted the Corne vpon the ground, for lack of convenient weather for seasoning, and carriage. But since the consuming of this great abundance of reakes in the Comet, looke what effect y^e Sunnes heate in prime of Summer hath wrought by drawing semblable matter out of the earth, the same haue we founde not to be small by the plenty, yet moderate, of the moysture which hath fallē, since such time as the dayes haue bin shortned, & the sunne is departed from our Septentrionall parts towards the Meridionall: which fall of moysture, as I say, was notwithstanding not so intollerable, that it hath ouer soaked the grounde with to much water, more than the drought before was immoderate, and able to make the same vnfruitfull and barreine.

3 The remnantes inderde, of those rotten and corrupt breathes, which remained heere belowe, not carried vp, may well be sayd to haue bin the cause of the pestilence, the Summer before this tailed Starre appeared. 1577. As also of this, that since hath sum what scoured the Citie of London, & also more greuously scourged most Shires and Townes within this Realme of England, this present yeere. 1578. So that, but for that it is probablye coniectured, that in mans reason, such kindes of Epidemies and contagious diseases shoulde be most rise where as is moste plenty of people, & lesse openesse of aire, more noysomnesse of dwelling, and lesse precisenes in feeding: it might bee called into question, whether the Citie infected the Cuntry, or the Cuntry the Citie, there hath seemed

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seemed such an indifferent relation betwene them:
In so much that I haue heard some Londoners, as
much afear'd to receiue into their houses, such as haue
come vnto them out of other countrey Townes, as
some of the countrey haue bene loath to come into Lō-
dō. But þe chiefest cause of this mortality, in my iudge-
ment, besydes that I acknowledge it to be the seuer-
erod of correction, deseruedly layd vpon vs for our syns
by our most iust God, & most mercifull father: may be
the drawing away of the most subtile & fine parts of
these superfluous matters, wherof I spake ere while.
By meanes wherof, the very drosse and dregges, the
heaviest & lesse apt to moue being left behind, aswel
within the bodies of men, as the bowelles of þe earth,
there folloiweth Corruptiō, the mother of þe pestilēce,
and all other infectious diseases, which, according to
the manner that they affect the diseased, do minister
vnto those that be skilfull in the profession of Physick,
sufficient tokens to discern the causes. I could say
somewhat in this matter of mine owne knowledge, &
also I haue had conference with some of good vnder-
standing & experience: and I am credibly enforzmed,
that this yeeres sicknes of pestilence hath bene so dif-
ficult, that for one that hath escaped it, twenty at the
least haue diyd therof. The Crises, as the Physitions
teach them, or natural mouing of þe humors vn-
to amendment, or death, haue bene so disordered and
out of course, the sores so slow to come forth, so obsti-
nat to be resolued, so malicious to be cured, that they
haue refused to obey the Physitions cunning proce-
dings, or the Chirurgeons skilfull handy workman-
ship. So þe humors, which are the materiall cause
of them, may seeme to be Melancholy, loyned with a
blinde of rotten, stinking, clammy steame: the one the

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byrde of slowe lumpish Saturne, the other the offspring of the mostt Doone. And this infection is so generally disperfed, that there be few lands beyond y Sea of neere situation, but they be touched therewith: Italy is not free for many Cities: Paris in Fraunce woonderfully afflicted: Louane hath felt the sharpnes therof: Antwarpe hath not scaped scot free: the powet of the States in the low Countreys hath bene visired: and as for the Spanish crue there, what with the swoord, & what with the plague of pestilence, it is not a lytle weakened, & diminished, and the pride therof abated.

4 But that besydes these naturall effects, that are portented & wrought in deede by this blasing Star, we ought specially to lyft by our mindes to the contemplation of Gods mighty power and providence ouer his chose people, which are his beloved Church, it is most manifest to all that are religiously perswaded. Let vs then examine this one poynt, concerning the most bright appeerance of this Elementary Impressio fyrst seene in the ayre, towards the South-west. It hath bene credibly reported, that in places quyte beyonde the boundes of Christendome, there haue appeared of late, such tokens of the feare and loue of Iesus Christ, and that by them that haue not yett generally arrogated vnto themselves the names of Christians: that if they were as neere to England, as Barbary is to Spaine, we might worthily be ashamed of our parts. And there is now such hope worthily to be conceyued, of the most wished conuersion of those Nations vnto the true knowledge of God, and Christian Religion, that there is no godly minde but doth much reioyce therat, to heare y flock of the faithfull with so large an addition lykely to be increased. There be some of our countrey men y know what I meane

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meane, & what commodity themselves haue reaped
therby, and therfore can beare me wytnesse þ this is
true. If therfore, from thence or from hence it please þ
Lord to send his light, by occasiõ whatsoeuer, so þ the
costreys from vs & them more by east, wh:ther they
be Spaine, Fraunce, Italy, or any other, maye be made
partakers of his glorious gospel, both we & they, and
al þ hear: of so wonderful a work, shal iustly be enfor-
ced to set forth his most glorious name. I am sure þ in
our most gracious soueraigne, queene Elizabeth, there
resteth a wyl & desire, that waye to do good vnto all.
And most certaine againe I am, þ this tyme is much
wished for by many of their godly thyrtling Soules,
whesoeuer it shal please God to strike the stroake, as
he onely knoweth his tymes. how, & when to come.
And it is assuredly reported, þ he hath at this present
begun already a mighty worke in Spaine, the Lorde
graunt that it be as true newes, as it is ioyfull. And
rayled by there a mighty Moses, & wylling Israelites,
vtterly to cast off the slavery of Egypt, and forsake the
blouddy Pharaõ of Rome, with al his adherents & ac-
complices his wytches & sorcerers, as also his polli-
cies of gouernment, sword, and fagot, & the most de-
uillish Inquisitiõ, þ hath caused the obuiuring of many
a well perswaded conscience, & the spylling of mutch
christian blood: to þ end they may serue þ Lord their
God in truth & righteousness, al the daies of their life.

5 The Sun which dayly shineth vpon vs, is indeed
taken for a type of Iesus Christ, the Sonne of God:
the Moone for his spouse the Church, which by him
is no lesse illuminated than þ Moone by this Comer,
towards whome it shooteth forth the bright shyning
rayle, while þ Moone was but of smal light, as com-
ing but lately from þ chainge. And who cã deny in

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trueth, but that the faithfull Church of God, through his most gracious assistance, groweth euery day vnto moze perfection thā other. And I doubt not, but that among the professors of true Religion within this our Realme, many are tylen to moze cōmendable integrity, aswel in liuing, as doctrine. And this I heare for certainty, wherat I reioyce, that by meanes of the orderly, and charitable Dealings of some of honour & worship, that are in aucthority, many that haue continued blinde and obstinate of long time in their olde superstitions, haue of late dayes bene brought home to the trueth, to the no small glozy of God, & commendation of his good instruments. And it is moze dayly to be hoped, that this course shall take greater increase, if modesty, and wisdom being ioyned with aucthority, where sayze meanes wyll by no meanes p̄leuaile, the other extremity be put in practice: for according to the olde saying: *Malonodo parandus malus cuneus*. But let vs leaue home, and stand a typtoe, and looke ouer into Flaunders, and we shall finde sufficient matter there to muse at, and to woonder how marueilously God hath there, within this reuolutiō, preserved, de feded, enlarged, & reuenged his Church: far moze miraculously than could be hoped, and not lesse fatherly than could be wished: God make both them, and vs thankfull for it.

6. Concerning the mansion or house of Heauen, by the Astronomers accompt, wherein it should seeme, by our doctrine, this Comete first appeared, being y^{vii}. house, which is of marriage, women, contentions, warres, &c. was in the signe of Sagittarius, about the xx. degree, or sumwhat moze. It should be moze than needefull, here to set downe the whole position of the Heauens, with the Planets and Stars, seruing for
that

or late dayes come to paſſe.

that preſent time. But to ſpeake of the effect that was
therupon gathered, alwayes referuing in memory,
that which may not be forgotten, that this gracious
ſpectacle, ſpecially reſpecteth Gods Church, it doth
not only portende the inſeparable cōjunction & mar-
riage, as it were, of our moſt true and naturall ſou-
raigne Queene Elizabeth, with the holy Church and
Goſpel of Jeſus Chriſt, indiſſolubly vnitèd: but alſo
of ſuch ordinances, leagues, & confederacies, as ſhe
hath taken, or meaneth to take, eyther within her
owne dominions, or abroad with forrein Princes,
for the maintenance thereof, & aſſurance of thoſe that
profefſe the ſame. And moreover, I am of this opiniō,
contrary to the traitterous iudgemēt of ſome hollow
harts, that the lengthning of her Maieſties long life,
and prosperous reigne over her Realmes, is hereby
moſt effectually ſignified: which the Lord graunt to
our endleſſe comfort.

7 This impreſſiō, that it was Venerial, not Satur-
nine with participation of Mars, as ſome affirme, me
thinketh the very colour, and other arguments doo
prooue, which were ouer long here for me to ſtande
vpon. But tell me, haue we not of long tyme enjoyed
the commodities, that might ſeeme to follow the in-
fluence of a prosperous Star, & fortunate Planet: or
rather of the moſt ſingular bleſſing, & fauour of our
louing God? If we looke into our owne ſtate, we ſhal
ſufficiently perceiue it. But if we be ſo blinde that we
can ſee nothing, let vs looke into þ ſtate of other coun-
treys our neere neighbors, and let vs compare our
plenty, with their ſcarcity: our abundance, with their
neede: our peace, with their war: our honour, with their
contempt: our health, with their ſickneſſe: our ſecurity
with their danger: our quietneſſe, with their troubles:

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our wealth with theyr woe: & we shalbe enforced to
 confesse, that none haue found of long time the like to
 that which we of long tyme haue enioyed, & daylie do
 enioy. But by whose administration, & gouernment
 do we enioy them? Doubtles it can be interpreted
 none other wise, but by the speciall chose vessel of God
 our most gracious, and naturall soueraigne Queene
 Elizabeth: for which, and for whome, God make vs
 thankfull, and long blese and p̄seue her in welfare
 and health.

8 What aduancement of women, hath hapned since
 the apparante of this Comete in these our Westerne
 parts, and that of the most beutifull & delicate sort, far
 aboue theyr expectation, as an effect incident to the
 influence of Venus, I lyst not much to stay vpon. Nei-
 ther am I inderde so well acquainted, with such pri-
 uate dealings, that I am able to set downe, as yet, re-
 solutely any thing concerning this comiecture. This
 matter therfore, I referre vnto euery mans particu-
 late iudgement, what noble, or notable marriages, or
 contrattes of Matrimony, or rather ensuring of wo-
 men they do knowe, or haue heard of to haue bene
 made to y purpozt of our meaning: and I doubt not,
 but he may supply our default in this respect, & finde
 this effect as truly, though not as manifestly fulfilled
 as any other. Of one thing I haue bene enfourmed
 credibly, that far beyond desart on the womens syde,
 there haue bene great marriages practised within
 this yeere, which if they had gone through, woulde
 haue tended to the ouerthrow of worshipfull houses:
 but that it pleased God to make them frustrate. But
 on the other syde, what discommodities haue redow-
 ned so some women, that inhabite Countreys which

of late dayes come to passe. A

Ive ratherly from vs, the shamefull bringing with
chylde of a noble young Warden in Flaunders can testi-
fy, and that by him, who at that tyme was there of
principall and chiefe countenance on the aduersaries
part, euen Don Iohn him selfe. A merite fruite to come
from such a tree, and a woorthy argument of the
goodnes of his seruice, and quarrell there. Whome
ynce to be dead, constant and probable report hath
geuen soothly, yet not beleeued of some that perhaps
would haue it be otherwise. God graunt that vnto
them he be also huried. But I haue bene credibly
certified of the truth hereof, by a very friend of mine,
who had conference with one that sawe his harte se-
uerably enbaulmed and entombmed, from the body:
which if it had bene so sooner, would peraduenture
haue bene more for the common quietnes of the re-
fourmed Christendome. And lyke wise the horrible
rape of a husbandmans Daughter, by a lecherous
French Captaine, committed of late in Picardie, wher-
of there is crehyble report in print: besydes sundry
other examples not yet commonly known nor gene-
rally heard off, can sufficiently testify.

9 The euentcs, which by dilligent obseruation of
the learned, are founde in generall and particular to
followe the appearance of Cometes, whether they
haue bene wanting within this reuolution, or not:
let vs nowe lyke wyse consider. But where shall we
seeke for them? By the iudgement of the learned that
euer woate of this argument, we be therunto thus
directed. Look, say they, into what quarters,
the blasing or spie taile of the Comete poynteth,
vnto those places are the mischieses, that followe such

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Impressions, threatened. Let vs then first consider, what are those ordinary consequents: and next, cast our eyes about, where we can espie any of them. The first is the death of Princes, and great personages: For this we may looke into Barbary, & the low countreys here at hand. In the one, we shall finde three Kings dead: In the other, divers great Estates on the Spanish tyde, besydes Don Iohn, as I sayd ere while, principall of the admiralties: besydes thousands of comon people in both places, whereof there is no reckoning, nor account. Let vs also lye higher, & cast our eyes farther into the East, and there we shall behold (if the report be true) the great scourge, & wonderfull overthrow, which it hath pleased God to geue unto the Turke, the common enemy of all Christendome, & establisher of all barbarousnes, by the hands of y^e mighty Prince, the Sophie of Persia, not far from Babylon in Chaldaea. The next is, subuersion of states. In what case maye we iudge, were the states of the kingdoms of Portingal, & Barbarie, when their kings were thus suddenly dead: and lyke wise the gouernment of the Spanish power in Flaunders, when their chiefe gouerno^r, with his principall adherents, were thus bereft of lyfe, as the printed reports of them do relate: and also the state & power of the great Turke, when his force was vanquished, his army overthrowen, the most part of his Bassaes slaine, many prisoners, much Duntion, & great Treasure taken by the Persians: And shall we thinke, that among these late troubles, and mischiefe hapning so lamentably to the state of Portingal, their next neighbors the Spaniards, were nothing touched therewith: Surely, it is to be supposed other wise, and that for good respects, needles, & ouer long to be now recited. Some Inun-

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Dations of waters (perhaps) haue hapned and doone harme in certayn lowe & waterish countreyes, wherof we heare no speciall fame. Burnings of Townes & Cities, as also pestilence, death and famine, are the handmaidens of war, & wayte vpon her wherforer she goeth. But whete she hath gone of late, to the losse of many mens lyues, spilling of much Christian blood, aduantage of few, losse of all: Babylons late gre at batterye: Barbaries blouddy conflict: the misery of Harlam: with sundry other boate skymishes in Flaunders can tell vs.

IO What horrible murther, and most cruell massacre hath followed the detestable rauishing of one yllie vyrgin, the daughter of Iohn Millet husbandman, is to lamentable to be thought vpon. Wherof the Town of Bescourt in Picardie can make report: the aduultry of one Ruffian, how many besides himselfe it depriued of their lyues. The grieuous plague of pestilence, although it haue touched our selues very neere, yet both y Camps in the lowe countrey, as well on the one part, as the other, haue moze cause to complayne: But most especially the aduersaries: among whom it hath raged in such sort, that it hath not only taken away the chiefe gouernor & General (as it is reported) Don Iohn himselfe, Don Mousier Drago, Reous, Billi, Floyon, but also a nūbre moze of the most principall of the Spanish crue, to the vtter dismayng of all the residue. Now the, let vs here a litle, thankfully thinke vpon the vnsearchable mercies of God, considering, in what manner he hath ryd the world of him, by what meanes soeuer it pleased God to worke it, whose threates against y godly were grieuous, whose policies were such as were out of hope of disapoynting, whose power seemed inuincible to his enemies: which in such manner he hath wrought, as if he would say. O ye Nations, vnderstand, that the wisdom of

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man is but foolishnesse before God: For, when I lust this can I doo: when you haue done what ye can, yet without me can ye do nothing: thus doo I woork for them that put their trust in me. And assuredly I am thus perswaded, that among all the mighty enemies, and persecutours of the Gospell, that haue liued in this our age, or are yet liuinge, who God of his mercy conuert to a better sent: this was that great state, whose ruine was foreshowen shoulde happen towards the East, by the gleame of this tailed Starre. In which opinion I will also continue, vntill I see the same effect wrought, in some one of greater power, longer continuance, and farther off.

11. Treason, is a poyson that hath subuerted many Common wealthes and realmes, and hath most times redownd to the destruction of the aucthours. And whether ther haue bin any such practiced of late dayes within this reuolution, in the Countrey of Flaunders, and what commoditie it brought to the principal aucthours and procurers: enquire after the last great conflict, wherein there were so many of the cheife auncient Spanish seruitours slaine, & their Souerour thought the report impossible to be true, vntill such time as he came himselfe after ward in person to view the place, & see the carcassies, how they lay dead vpon the ground. Although the policies vsed by the Spaniards in this respect were great: who to couer their losses, and cloake the foile of that fight, found the meanes with shame enough, to draw their Countymens bodys away, that were slaine: some at Horse tailed, and some in Wagons, and some for hast they tumbled into the next Riuer: not handling their matters so couerly, but that they were espied. And they that haue receiued the most certaine certificate, of the Battell lately fought in Barbaric, say, that

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that the King, who was then in possession, hauing giuen charge vnto one of his Nephews, brother to the Black King, ouer a power of Moores, that were horsemen about 4000. at what time they were in a readinesse to ioyne battell, this Nephew of his, with his men suddainly reuoked from him, & ioynd hands with the contrary syde, and was there slaine with them. Now, whether these be treasons, or not, I referre me to indifferent iudgement. Which how profitable they were to their authours, their euents do shew. And since they are notorious, and haue hapned within the reuolution of this Blissing Statte: we may iustly conclude that they, and all such like, as haue since that time bin committed, were certainly foreshewen thereby.

12. It hath bin thought, & written by manye of the learned, that Cometes bring alwaies one mischiefe or another with them: which effectes may be ascribed to the cause that raiseth them, and the matter wherof they consist. But by the godly, surely they are to be receiued as tokens from the liuing Lord, of mercy to his people, and terrour to his enemies. Many examples are allaged, of euents that haue followed them in all ages: and it hath bin obserued, that after the appearing of some, much good, and after some no notable, or memorabile effect hath bin scene at all. But of all the predictions belonging to Meteorographie, it is the hardest to foretell the appearing of a Comete, wherein some haue attempted the same, haue scene how they haue bin deceiued, with shame. There is a learned man, one of those who at the beginning I named, who by probable coniecture, & learned consequence, gathereth that there should appere another Comete foure yeres hence 1583. But how the euents will fall out, God only knoweth, and who so liueth then shall see.

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13 Some vyle, vngodly, and wickedly disposed persons, thinking at such tymes as Cometes haue appeared, that the minds of men being troubled & disquieted, they haue had occasion to set any mischief abzoache, haue snatched opportunity, & attempted most horrible enterprises. Some moued commotions, some rayled rebellions, some vsurped kingdomes, some practised conspyacies with theyr countreyes sworn enemies, some procured interdictions from forreyn Prelates, some brought in rebellious bookes & lybels, with pardons, Agnus Deies, and other such trumperies out of stryunge countreyes, some framed counterfeits and Images of war, most deuillishly to destroy theyr Soueraigne, some deuised new Religions, colouring theyr mallice toward Iesus Christe & his Church, with theyr vnlovely family of Loue, some committing one horrible mischief, some another. But let all such vnderstand, that in these matters, the appearing of a Comete can be no warrant for them, and theyr practises. But if for these traytrous facts, they be saynely pouled shorter by the head, or hanged by by the neck, or otherwise executed to the example of other: they be rewarded according to theyr deserts, and therein a part of good seruice doone vnto God, and our good Queene.

14 The counsell concerning the vse of preseruatiues against sickness of the plague, is the next thing that followeth: that is to say, to haue care of health, to vse precise dyet in feeding, to amend the ayre of houses & Chambers by burning in them sweete Perfumes & Odours, and taking aduice of learned Physitions, to discharge the body of such superfluous humors, as might otherwise engender distemperance within them. And hath there not bene good cause since in experience to follow this aduice: Yeas, to much, if Gods will had bin otherwise,

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toffe, and somewhat more, they say, than hath bene truly reported: and how far it is like yet to proceede, he only knoweth, and we haue to feare, and likeholle to pray vnto him, to withhold his heauy hande, and turne his scourge away from vs. But surely, the same winter prooued so drye and milde, as fewe haue bin founde the like, or remembred by men of good yeares to haue hapned. The Summer also following did nothing degenerate from the same disposition, butill it was about the middle of Autumne, as I haue already noted.

15 But to proceede yet farther: That the sextile aspect of Mars out of the first house with the Comete, hath portended the empayring of bodily health of many, it may be easily prooued, by the consideration of sicknesses, and mortality before recited. Which sicknesses, for that they haue bene hot and acute, it is probable they haue ryfen of chafed bloud, and choler, which is vnder the gouernment of Mars. But how the matter hath fared within this reuolution with them that haue Mars in the first house, or Lord of the Ascendēt in their Natiuities, for that it is a priuate matter, it can not be generally exemplified. Of this I am sure, that many Martialistes, that is to say, Souldiours & scrutores, that follow the warres & trade of Mars, haue gone to pot in forreyn countreys, since this apparance. And whether there haue ben any states or persons of great calling, so enraged with fury, and boyling with choler, & fretting with Melancholy, that by meanes therof they haue fallen into peryllous diseases, and dyed with the extremity: if we looke ouer Sea about vs, into Flaunders, and else where, perhaps we may then be able to iudge partly of the trueth of this coniecture. For truly, the passions of the minde are great and grifuous, and able to ouerthrow the healthfull state of mans body. And

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some are resolved in this most constant opinion, that it
was a of the peltance that same other nobly disease
that to some tooke away Don Iohn for his brone per-
son, as was the other hands worke of God, be it Agelan-
chols for griefe of losses sustained, or for to be for shame
of rapine, or auaile for his aduersaries prosperitie, or
malice for the sake of other Castles neere hand,
whofore was he thus roused & spirited, and studied to dis-
turbe a still like war, to repeat him what againe tou-
ching the late bloudy broiles in Barbarie, some that
haue received him thence, the most assured and parti-
cular report of the circumstance of the Battell, saye,
that the kinges indignation was not claime in the con-
flict, as the other was were. But partly for griefe of his
stephens refusal, where by on he halued to toyne in
fright, and partly for loss of the first and second re-
pulle of his hoste men, fell into such agonye, and pas-
sion of Agelanchole, that synding himselfe th'oughly
wounded therewith, he entred his hoste litter, and pre-
sently dyed. Howbeit the matter was so handled by
good gouernement and policie, that the Armye not
knowing of the Kings death, as being kept secret
from all, sauing a few of the Nobility, and his aduise-
ons that were about him, the victorie fell on his side:
but with greater laughter to the conquerours than
the conquered.

16. For other whatsoeuer, that are open enemies
vnto Iesus Chryste in his members, and the verity of
his Gospell, and seeke to disturbe the common quiet of
reformed states and common wealthes, we haue no
cause to stand in feare of them, for that the Lorde vn-
doubtedly is on our side: and then who can be against
vs? And I am most assuredly perswaded, that the
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Lord will increase the honour, peace and wealth of
 England, in the sight and to the griefe of some nations,
 both for his holy wordes sake, as we continue to em-
 brace it, as also for his sake, we will take our most grati-
 ous Soueraigne, so long as we shall be found, woe for
 others, in his assigned, lowe and humble obedience, for
 towards her, whose most honorable Council, so far ex-
 cellet in godly wisdom and grauitie, that the like hath
 not bin seene in any Prince, a dayes, for quiet and com-
 mendable gouernment, of the policie, whose learned,
 fatherly, and zealous Bishops, are so bright a care
 full over the Charge, that we are all bounden of du-
 ty to pray for the prosperous proceedinges, to the
 glory of God, and edifying of his Church of Eng-
 land and Ireland, to the aduancing thereof of his un-
 doubted trueth, and repression of all scismes, and erro-
 nious doctrine. And to conclide, touching all Co-
 metes: Let vs assure ourselues, that they be tokens
 sent from God in mercy, to put vs in minde of peni-
 taunce, and amendment of life, besides the other na-
 turall effectes, whereof by dayly experience we cannot
 denie them void: but to our great comfort, haue found
 no small securitie to haue redoubted vnto vs by that
 which last appeared, howsoeuer other nations haue
 bin dealt withall: as the prooue by effect hath since shal-
 len out, and by this little Conference is partely de-
 clared.

17. Thus haue I, (Christian reader,) briefly run
 over the principall pointes, that are contained within
 that little pamphlet: not preferring it as the best, but
 liking it as the shortest: and yet falling out so truly in
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experience, as the euents since, may giue credite to the
foresaynings then. Some things are heretofore set downe
vpon certayne knowledge, some vpon credite in forma-
tion. Which I haue not vitered as a Reporter of tales,
but as a confesser of true thes. If any thing seeme to be
doubted, consider the circumstances: and that which
is apparant, acknowledge with indifferencie. If there
be ought woorth the noting, accept it thankfully to thy
profit, and giue God the glory. Judge of me, that of
zeale only I haue set downe my conscience: by meanes
whereof, if I haue also touched thine, to the acknow-
ledging of a truth, and magnifying the aucthour ther-
of, I shalbe glad that euer I touched Pen and Paper
to that purpose: which hee graunt, who onely woo-
beth all goodnesse in vs. Amen.

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